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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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In re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES
TO ALL ACTIONS

MDL No. 1285

**STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR BRIEFING OBJECTIONS TO
SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON CERTAIN
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for the undersigned, that Defendants Akzo Nobel, Inc., BASF Corporation, Chinook Group, Inc., Chinook Group Ltd., ConAgra, Inc., Daiichi Fine Chemicals, Inc., Daiichi Pharmaceutical Corporation, DeGussa-Huls Corporation, DuCoa, L.P. and DCV, Inc., E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Eisai Corp. of North America, Eisai, Inc., Eisai U.S.A., Inc., EM Industries, Inc., Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. and Roche Vitamins, Inc., Lonza, Inc., Nepera, Inc., Reilly Industries, Inc., Rhone-Poulenc Animal Nutrition, Inc. and Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, Inc., Takeda America, Inc., Takeda U.S.A., Inc., Takeda Vitamin & Food USA, Inc. and UCB, Inc. (the "Moving Defendants") shall file their Objection, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to the Report and Recommendations of Special Master Respecting Defendants' Rule 37 Motion to Compel Production of Documents, as amended, on or before August 14, 2000.

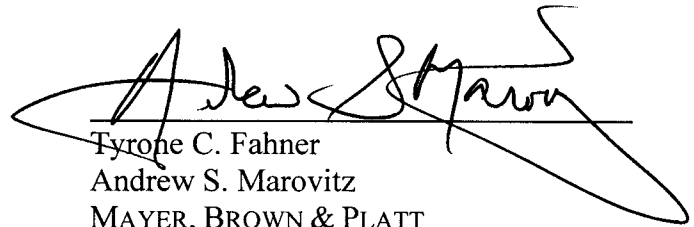
IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that Plaintiffs shall file their Response to Moving Defendants' Objection on or before August 28, 2000, and Moving Defendants shall file their Reply on or before September 6, 2000.

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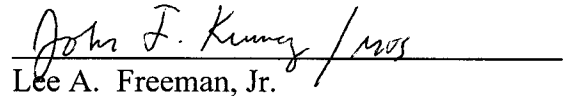
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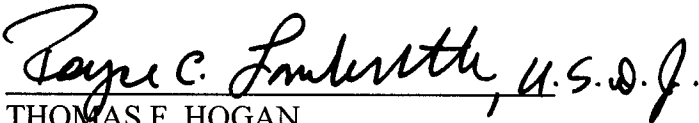
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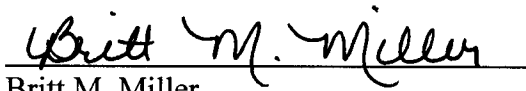
SO ORDERED:


for THOMAS F. HOGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: 8/14/00

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Britt M. Miller, an attorney, hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing and a copy of **STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR BRIEFING OBJECTIONS TO SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON CERTAIN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL**, to be served upon all attorneys of record on August 9, 2000, by electronic service pursuant to the Court's May 17, 2000 Order Regarding Electronic Service.



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